Boston, May 29, 1847.

My dear Miss Carpenter,

The "Meditations" have been issued by Crosby & Nichols, in a very neat form. I have not yet had time to examine the work. As no time was to be lost, in order to get it ready for Anniversary Week, (the week just closing), the proof-sheets were none of them sent to me, save of the first signature. Your name does not appear on the Title page, to the great chagrin of Mr. Crosby, who gave orders not to set up the title-page until he had been heard from. I have no doubt it would have had a favorable effect on the sale of the book, had your name been added. {He knew, in ample season, that you had given your consent to the use of your name.

Six copies of the work have been put in a parcel, which will be forwarded to Chapman, London, with the July Examiners to be sent to you.

Crosby proposed to sell the book, at retail, for .75 cents - 3/4 of a dollar - equal to something more than 3/ sterl'g. This was much higher - 50 pr. ct. higher - than I hoped & supposed he would sell the work. In fixing upon this price, he allowed for

a copyright percentage ~~to~~ of 10 pr. cents to be paid to you. When I told him you had positively declined receiving anything from the sale of the work here, (and certainly I would consent to receive nothing) he proposed to reduce the price to 62½ cents - equivalent to about 2/6 sterling. This is higher than I with it was.

If you wish for more copies of the book, Mr. Crosby says you shall have them. He has also sent me six copies.

Will you please say to your sister Anna, that I gave her message to Mr. Charles Sumner, concerning a reply to the letter, of which Miss Fanny Tyndal was the bearer; and he said he would bear it in mind. He gave the doll to a daughter of Professor Felton.

We had an exceedingly interesting meeting, yesterday afternoon & evening, at the house of Rev. Theodore Parker, in this City. He styled it, in his notes of invitation, a "Council of Reformers," and the object was to discuss the general principles of Reform, and the best means of promoting it. Let me give you

the names of some of those present —

Ralph Waldo Emerson, Amos B. Alcott, William Henry Channing, James F. Clarke, William Lloyd Garrison, Wendell Phillips, Edmund Quincy, Mrs. M. W. Chapman, Mrs. Follen, James and Lucretia Mott, & daughter, of Philadelphia, Caleb Stetson, John L. Russell, Francis Jackson, Charles Sumner, Samuel G. Howe, E. H. Chapin, Joshua P. Blanchard, Samuel E. Coues of Portsmouth, Elizur Wright Jr., Walter Channing — I have not yet given all the names. It was a matter of deep interest even to see this collection of the men alive of our neighborhood and day. From 4 to 10 P.M., with a short interval for tea, a most spirited conversation was held on all the great Reform subjects of the day. I am more than ever convinced that the Anti-Slavery Reform carries all others with it, and that its triumph will be theirs.

With sincere respects to your Mother & sisters, I am, Faithfully Yours

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Miss Mary Carpenter.

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